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Ms Lynne Abrams
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DHR Quality Assurance Panel

Dear Lynne,

Thank you for the feedback in relation to the Domestic Homicide Report (DHR) regarding Caroline. As to the factors illustrated within your correspondence dated 27th September 2021, we would like to draw to your attention to these matters seriatim.

- The report would benefit from including a local awareness raising campaign as part of the action plan. This homicide follows a very common pattern with known signs and concerns which were known amongst support networks (family / friends / the community) however it does not appear that people knew how to recognise signs of DA and where to go to raise these.

Annually the Community Safety Partnership undertake a campaign as part of the 16 days of activism commencing in November. As part of the campaign these areas are covered and will remain a focal point for future delivery. Therefore, no additional recommendations have been added.

<https://6168c903-d58d-46ed-a1ca-8163e24c1ef2.azurewebsites.net/your-council/news/white-ribbon-day-2021/>

- Exploration around immigration requirements and how this can be used within a domestic abuse context to shape learning would be beneficial. There is some indication that the perpetrator had used Caroline to some degree in order to secure his immigration status and there were possible elements of Caroline's abuse that were specifically related to the perpetrator's intentions to secure his immigration status as a spouse of a British national. This could be probed further to explore any possible learning around this.

This has been reviewed and whilst there is a lot about women who are immigrants, there appears to be nothing about immigrant perpetrators using this as a form of abuse.

- Panel expertise in relation to the perpetrator's Romanian heritage would have been beneficial to explore any cultural aspects that could have been relevant to shape learning. A specialist European Economic Area (EEA) domestic abuse service for example may be able to provide specific context and how this may have been relevant to Caroline's relationship with an EEA national and any possible barriers to help seeking. The Community Safety Partnership acknowledge this and the Chair and Report Author are ensuring that they have the necessary specialist support to the panel in future as required.

- Did the panel explore the range of challenges around pregnancy/termination and sterilisation that present in this review? It may be that this element of the victim's life has been fully explored and the Chair chose not to include this at length but the QA Panel would like to see this noted if it is the case. It is unusual and concerning when DA is present to see a young woman sterilised at such a young age.

This has been included, please refer to Paragraph added at 3.2.8.6

- 1.1.1 - Says that they had been in a relationship for 6 years, 2.1.1 says they had been in a relationship for nearly 5 years - this needs to be clarified or amended.

This has been amended accordingly.

- 1.3.5 - A footnote might be useful to explain what Equation is. It is explained later in the report, but would be helpful here for context.

This has been included.

- 2.2.33 - References the health visitor making a home visit in August 2017 following the birth of a baby. But Caroline had a sterilisation on 19.07.2017. This needs looking at again as it indicated that Caroline had 4 children when in fact she had 3.

This has been correctly updated.

- It is unclear if Caroline's family offered the opportunity to meet with the DHR Panel and if any attempt was made to contact the perpetrator.

This has been included section 1.8.3

- The action plan is incomplete and needs completing before publication.

This has been updated.

The report and associated documentation will now be published on the Council's website.

Yours Sincerely



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